








SECTION FIVE

Evaluate Your Program

What's Expected

Whether your program is new or already underway, you will need to monitor and evaluate its effectiveness on an ongoing basis.

Be sure to include the following in your evaluation:

-  Level of contamination.
-  Level of resident participation.
-  Your property's waste diversion rate, measured every 6–12 months (See Appendix F: page 47.)
-  Resident attitudes (See Appendix E: pages 45–46.)
-  Information from your collector.
-  Adequacy of collection system and schedule.
-  Information and suggestions from County staff.

If your program is new, you should monitor it closely during the first few months so you can work out any “bugs” in the system by adding more recycling containers, sending additional notices to residents or revising the collection schedule with your hauler.

County Staff Can Help

Trained County staff can provide assistance in monitoring and evaluating your program. This assistance is available by appointment and during recycling evaluations. The County's assessments are designed to evaluate compliance with County recycling requirements and monitor multi-family programs for collection, convenience, participation, contamination, site cleanliness and management support. Staff make recommendations on program improvements and are happy to answer questions and provide information about successful recycling programs in properties similar to yours. To contact your County specialist, call **(240) 777-6400**.